

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 11-34 are currently pending. By this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 11 and 27. Support for the amendment replacing formula (I) can be found in the originally filed specification, for example formula (I) on page 1, and original claim 7 on pages 40-41. The remaining amendments correct other minor clerical errors. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 11-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite. According to the Examiner, "[c]laim 11 has a structure for Formula I, which does not represent exactly and definitely the compounds as claimed herein." Office Action at 3. Claims 11 and 27 have been amended to correct this clerical error, thus mooted this rejection.

III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 11-34 in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the proposed amendments of claims 11 and 27 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully point out that the final action by the Examiner presented some new arguments against Applicant's invention. It is respectfully submitted that the entering of the Amendment would allow the Applicants to reply to the final rejections and place the application in condition for allowance.

Finally, Applicants submit that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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